

A great team of instructors, lovely horses, superb indoor and outdoor arenas and Dartmoor!

We are lucky to have it all here at Cheston! Please discover below what we offer here and whether Cheston will fulfil your riding ambitions!

Our ethic:

Our approach to teaching is based on quality, safety and detailed instruction: our ambition is to make you confident and successful in the saddle and hone your skills to high standards! As a result, we are popular with regular committed riders both adults and the more committed young riders as well as riding exam students and those who bring their own horse. Our yard is peaceful, ideal for enjoyment of your leisure time and very horse friendly! Our facilities are excellent and whatever the weather, you can ride in our huge indoor arena!

Please note: We are seriously passionate about teaching the correct and essential principles of riding and horsemanship whilst making the experience safe, relaxing and fun. Sorry no trekking for beginners or big group lessons/hacks happen here. For reasons of safety and enjoyment, we only offer hacks out to customers competent in the basics.

Our intention: To prepare you for a lifetime of enjoying horses, skilfully, naturally and based on correct principles of classical equitation - perhaps being a horse owner yourself one day. We will train you to understand horse psychology, be able to influence and understand your horse through body language and through your skills both in handling equipment and whilst in the saddle. This translates to practical skills such as getting to know the horses, being assertive around the horse on the ground, able to groom and saddle up your horse, lead your horse in walk and trot and be confident adjusting your equipment – all whilst under the supervision of our qualified adult staff and owner/manager Sophie Osborne BHS AI Int SM. You will be 'horse wise' both in and out of the saddle and learn to feel at home around these big beautiful creatures!

New customers*:

Beginner riders need to commit to several weekly lessons in order to enjoy progression and move on past the basics. Sorry, we only offer moor hacks to customers well known to us and/or clearly competent to enjoy riding out safely

New riders (except young children) are asked to attend a registration/assessment lesson of an hour. When you book, we will give you further information on what we offer and what to expect. A one hour registration / assessment session – costs £35. You will ride for approx 45-50mins. Phone Sophie to book on 01364 649461 or 07977 588 754 (after 7pm)

Who can ride: Adults and children (minimum age 6). Our weight limit is 13 stone.

When can I ride? From 9am - late, open 6 days a week. The equine team have Tuesdays off but lessons on your own horse are still available. We have mid-summer evening moor hacks 6-8pm and arena lessons in the evenings

TEENS/ADULTS

- NEW RIDERS : 12+ Private registration/assessment lesson 3/4hr £35
- 1 hour private lesson/instructional hack £40
- 1 hour semi-private lesson/hack - 2 riders £30
- 1 hour group lesson / hack (for 4-5 known riders only) £25

CHILDREN - Age 6 – 12yo

- ¾ hour private lessons £30
- ½ hour private lesson, suitable for beginner/novice 6 to 10 year olds £20
- ¾ Lead rein lane hack – 1 to 1 with mounted instructor £30

PONY CLUB / CHESTON CAREERS CLUB – Riding and learning activities for 6-16yo's – INFO COMING SOON!

Need more information?: Please call us to enquire and arrange to visit or watch a lesson in progress . See us and our team of horses and ponies in our FACEBOOK albums as well as on the website.